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REQUEST TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN INVENTOR'S NAME - OFFICE ERROR

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please accept entry of the simultaneously submitted Application Data Sheet to correct an Office typographical error in the first named inventor's first name, namely, from "Athur" to - - Arthur- -. The name is spelled correctly on the documents submitted with the application filed December 03, 2003 and the declaration filed April 14, 2004. The name is misspelled on the Filing Receipt mailed March 05, 2004 and all subsequent correspondence from The Office. The issue fee has not yet been paid. The correction of typographical errors by the Office are addressed in MPEP 605.04(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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